



# New Castle Crier

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## \$800,000 Grant received for Church land purchase

The City received word just before Christmas that the Delaware Division of Wildlife was awarded \$800,000 to help acquire a 60-acre parcel at the confluence of Broad Dyke Creek and the Delaware River. Of course, this is better known locally as land owned for

centuries by the Immanuel Episcopal Church.

The City, the Church, the State and the Trust for Public Land have been working in a team effort with the goal of permanent conservation of this property as open space. To achieve this, the Church plans to sell the land to the City.

The City and State have been awarded grants for the

purchase, and the grant funding is contingent on the property remaining open space. This latest grant, which is the largest part of the funding piece for the purchase, is specifically awarded for coastal wetlands protection.

The parcel is of 43 acres of coastal wetlands. Acquisition of the property also protects 1,200 linear feet of Delaware River shoreline.

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**The next  
regular  
City Council  
meeting is 7 p.m.,  
Tues., Feb. 8 at  
Town Hall**

### *Deadline nears to run for office*

The last day to file to run, or withdraw, for City elected office is Friday, February 25. The City Election is scheduled for Saturday, April 9.

Elections will be for Mayor, Council President, four Council seats, City Treasurer and City Clerk. Various filing fees apply.

Candidate filing forms are available at the City Office at 220 Delaware Street.

## NCHS seeks local Civil War artifacts

The New Castle Historical Society will be commemorating the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War with a new exhibit opening April 9 at the Old Library Museum on East 3rd Street. *The Civil War in New Castle on the Delaware: A Story of Conflict, Kinship & Politics* will highlight the lives of ordinary citizens during the tumultuous years 1861 through 1865.

The Historical Society is looking for letters, photographs, artifacts or other items passed down from families living here during the Civil War for possible inclusion in the exhibit. Please contact the New Castle Historical Society, at 322-2794, to schedule an appointment if you have an item of interest to share.

**City Offices Closed with  
No Trash Pickup on Monday, February 21  
Revised Trash Pickup Schedule:**

#### Regular Schedule

**Feb. 21**

**Feb. 22**

#### Revised Schedule

**Feb. 22**

**Feb. 23**

## *New Castle – The First Capital City!*

## Land purchase grant

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The parcel provides 60 acres of habitat for waterfowl. Protection of this parcel will also benefit over 40 different species of

fish living in the Broad Dyke Creek and the River. The parcel will be added to 250 acres of lands already managed for conservation by the City of New Castle.

## Apply now for property tax exemptions

Beginning January 18th is the new cycle for citizens to apply for the Over 65 or Disability property tax exemption. To make an appointment, at the convenience of the taxpayer, call Marian Delaney at 322-9811.

The maximum yearly income requirements are \$15,000 for a single person and \$30,000 for a married couple. Social Security income is not counted toward the minimum. The last day to apply is June 15th.

This is the second grant awarded for this property purchase. The City has already been awarded a \$200,000 grant from the State. Finally, the City recently completed the pre-application form requesting the final large grant for the property of \$300,000.

## 4th Annual SOUP-er Bowl

The New Castle Senior Center and Girl Scout Troop 927 are once again co-hosting a community event to help the hungry of our area. We will be working with area churches and businesses to make this a huge success *now* through February 6!

Just think if everyone in town gave at least one can — we'd have more than 5,000 cans to donate. That's 5,000 hot meals!

All soup will be given to the Food Bank of Delaware. We have drop off boxes in the following locations:

- St. Peter the Apostle Church, in the church;
- New Castle Presbyterian Church in the Christian Education Building (during office hours);
- New Castle United Methodist Church, near the office (during office hours);
- Immanuel Episcopal Church on the Green in the entryway porch of the church;
- New Castle Senior Center, 400 South St., Mon., Tues., Wed. and Fri., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thurs., 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.;
- Happy Harry's (Ferry Cut-Off), 7 days a week from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.;
- New Castle Public Library on Delaware Street, Monday through Saturday.

*Thanks to all who will be participating, from the New Castle Senior Center and Girl Scout Teen Troop 927.*

## Code Enforcement Corner

Code Enforcement helps maintain and improve the quality of life of the City of New Castle by administering an unbiased enforcement program to correct violations of City zoning, property maintenance and building codes. This includes working with residents, neighborhoods, public service agencies and other City offices.

To reach the Code Enforcement Officer, call 323-6081. Complaint forms are available at the City offices or on the City Web site at [www.NewCastleCity.org](http://www.NewCastleCity.org).

Complaints are handled on a confidential basis. If feedback and/or updates are requested, however, a name, address and phone number need to be provided with the complaint.

### *This month's highlights and general reminders...*

### **Removal of Snow and Ice**

#### **§ 209-1 Removal Of Snow And Ice Required**

Any person, corporation, company or other entity, being the owner, tenant or occupant of any house or other building, or the owner of any improved or unimproved lot, shall remove any snow, hail, ice or other matter *within 24 hours of the time snow ceased to fall or the ice formed*. Said owner, tenant or occupant shall cause a pathway to be cleared *at least three feet in width along the pavement or sidewalk* to the gutter to allow the free passage of pedestrians.

#### **§ 209-7. Authority to restrict parking and remove unauthorized barriers**

B. Any artificial barrier placed within the right-of-way, such as chairs, trash cans, parking cones, or other hazards to safe passage, not authorized by the Public Services or Police Departments, and used, or potentially used to restrict or save parking spaces is prohibited.

**Please keep New Castle City  
fire hydrants clear and accessible at all times.**